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AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of Minnesota

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

GEORGE RICHARD GAUNT,

Case No.

13-MJ-718 (JSM)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about October 15, 2013, in Blue Earth County, in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant

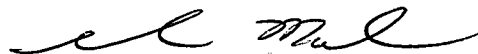
did by force, violence and intimidation, take from the person and presence of another money which belonged to and was in the care, custody, control, management, and possession of Peoples State Bank, located in Eagle Lake, Minnesota, a bank whose deposits were then insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and in committing such offense, did assault and put in jeopardy the life of another person by the use of a dangerous weapon, that is a firearm,

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section(s) 2113(a) and 2113(d).

I further state that I am a Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No



Complainant's signature

GLENN MOULE, Special Agent

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date:

11/1/13

City and state: St. Paul, MN



Judge's signature

The Honorable Janie S. Mayeron, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss AFFIDAVIT OF GLENN MOULE
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

I, Glenn Moule, being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I have been employed as a Special Agent ("SA") with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") since January 2010, and am currently assigned to the Minneapolis Division, Mankato Resident Agency. My responsibilities include the investigation of various criminal offenses, including bank robberies and other violent crimes. This affidavit is made in support of a Complaint charging GEORGE RICHARD GAUNT with Bank Robbery in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) and (d). The facts set forth in this affidavit are based on my personal knowledge and observations in this investigation, upon my discussions with other law enforcement officers and agents directly involved in this investigation, and upon my review of official reports submitted in relation to this investigation. This affidavit contains information to support probable cause, but is not intended to convey facts of the entire investigation.

2. On October 15, 2013, at approximately 10:00 a.m., a lone white male entered the front door of the Peoples State Bank of Madison Lake (hereinafter "PSB"), a federally insured financial institution, in Eagle Lake, Minnesota. The subject was wearing a baggy grey sweatshirt and grey sweatpants. There

was nothing covering the subject's face or head, such as a mask or a hat. As the subject approached the bank counter, he presented a handwritten note on a piece of white paper to the teller. The note stated, "I have a gun, this is no joke, I will kill you! Act normal, no alarms, trackers or dye packs. P.S. This ain't my first bank. So don't make me kill again," or words to that effect. The subject lifted his sweatshirt to expose the grip of a black handgun tucked into his waistband. A second teller approached the counter to assist the initial teller, and read the note as well. Both tellers complied with the subject's demands, and placed U.S. currency from two teller drawers in a beige cloth bag. While the tellers were in the process of gathering the money, a third bank employee walked into the area behind the teller counter. The subject removed the handgun from his waistband, pointed it at the employee, and instructed the employee not to move. After receiving the money, the subject walked out of the bank through the front door, and bank employees observed him get into a gold sedan, possibly a Toyota, with an out-of-state license plate, which had been parked in front of the bank.

3. A description of the subject, a lone white male possibly driving a gold Toyota sedan, was broadcast over a law enforcement radio network.

4. Approximately 15 minutes after the bank robbery occurred in Eagle Lake, Minnesota, law enforcement officers observed a gold four-door Nissan Maxima sedan bearing Ohio license plate FJQ5943 travelling eastbound on U.S. Highway 14 near Waseca, Minnesota. Shortly thereafter, the gold Nissan Maxima turned off the highway onto a gravel road. The law enforcement officers activated their emergency lights and sirens, and followed the vehicle. The vehicle failed to stop or pull over for the officers. Around the same time, Waseca county dispatch received a 911 call from a male who stated he had robbed a bank, was being followed by state troopers, and was going to give up and pull over.

5. The Nissan Maxima stopped shortly thereafter and the driver, later identified as George Richard Gaunt was arrested. Officers observed a beige cloth bag containing U.S. currency and a black handgun in plain view on the passenger seat of the vehicle.

6. The clothing Gaunt was wearing at the time of his arrest and his physical description closely matched the description of the male subject who robbed PSB, as provided by PSB employees and the review of recorded video surveillance of the robbery.

7. Law enforcement officers transported Gaunt to the parking lot of PSB, where all three PSB employees present during

the robbery individually viewed Gaunt through a window. All three bank PSB employees identified Gaunt as the person who committed the robbery.

8. On October 16, 2013, the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office applied for and received a search warrant for the Nissan Maxima Gaunt had been driving. Items recovered from the vehicle included a beige cloth bag containing the exact amount of U.S. currency taken during the robbery of PSB, a black Daisy BB pistol, and a cellular telephone.


9. During the course of the investigation, law enforcement officers investigating the robbery of PSB learned that Gaunt was also a suspect in an armed bank robbery that occurred in Linn County, Iowa, on October 12, 2013, an armed bank robbery that occurred in Henry County, Virginia on October 8, 2013, and an armed bank robbery that occurred in Augusta County, Virginia on October 5, 2013. Detectives from Linn County, Iowa obtained Gaunt's cellular phone records following that robbery. A review of the phone records showed a 911 call had been placed from Gaunt's phone at 10:16 a.m. on October 15, 2013 in or near Waseca, Minnesota.

10. After his arrest, Gaunt was taken to the Blue Earth County Jail. On October 16, 2013 Gaunt placed a phone call from the Blue Earth County jail to a female believed to be his girlfriend. The call was recorded. A review of the call

revealed Gaunt stated he had been caught in Minnesota and was "facing 20 years".

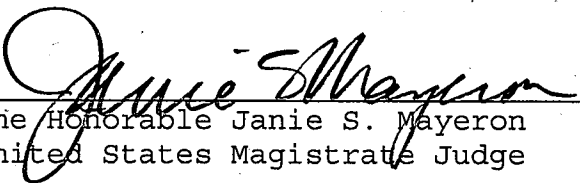
11. Based upon the facts contained in this affidavit and obtained to date through my investigation, I have probable cause to believe that on October 15, 2013, GEORGE RICHARD GAUNT committed the crime of Bank Robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) and (d).

12. Further your Affiant sayeth not.


Special Agent Glenn Moule
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 1st day of November, 2013


The Honorable Janie S. Mayeron
United States Magistrate Judge